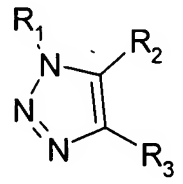
Amendments to the Claims:

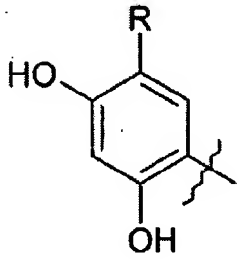
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (IE) or a salt, or N-oxide, ~~hydrate or solvate~~ thereof, ~~for use in human or veterinary medicine~~:



(IE)

wherein R_1 has the formula (IIA):



(IIA)

wherein R represents bromo, chloro, phenyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl or phenyl(C_1-C_6 alkyl)

R_2 is hydrogen or

a carboxamide radical; or

a non aromatic carbocyclic or non aromatic heterocyclic ring wherein a ring carbon is optionally substituted, and/or a ring nitrogen is optionally substituted by a group of formula $-(Alk^1)_p-(Z)_r(Alk^2)_s-Q$ wherein in any compatible combination

Alk^1 and Alk^2 are divalent C_1-C_6 alkylene or C_2-C_6 alkenylene radicals,

p, r and s are independently 0 or 1,

Z is -O-, -S-, -(C=O)-, -(C=S)-, -SO_2-, -C(=O)O-, -C(=O)NR^A- , -C(=S)NR^A-, -SO_2NR^A-, -$NR^AC(=O)$-, -NR^ASO_2- or -NR^A- wherein R^A is hydrogen or C_1-C_6 alkyl, and

Q is hydrogen or a carbocyclic or heterocyclic radical;

wherein each of Alk^1, Alk^2, and Q are optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from (C_1-C_6)alkyl, (C_1-C_6)alkoxy, hydroxy, hydroxy(C_1-C_6)alkyl, mercapto, mercapto(C_1-C_6)alkyl, (C_1-C_6)alkylthio, halo (including fluoro and chloro), trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, nitro, nitrile (-CN), oxo, phenyl, -COOH, -$COOR^A$, -COR^A, -SO_2R^A, -$CONH_2$, -SO_2NH_2, -$CONHR^A$, -SO_2NHR^A, -$CONR^AR^B$, -$SO_2NR^AR^B$, -NH_2, -NHR^A, -NR^AR^B, -$OCONH_2$,--$OCONHR^A$, -$OCONR^AR^B$, -$NHCOR^A$, -$NHCOOR^A$, -NR^BCOOR^A, -$NHSO_2OR^A$, -$NR^BSO_2OR^A$, -$NHCONH_2$, -NR^ACONH_2, -$NHCONHR^B$, -NR^ACONHR^B, -$NHCONR^AR^B$, or --$NR^ACONR^AR^B$, wherein R^A and R^B are independently a (C_1-C_6)alkyl group; and

R_3 is hydrogen, optionally substituted cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, or C_2-C_6alkynyl; or a carboxyl, carboxamide or carboxyl ester group,

PROVIDED THAT at least one of R_2 and R_3 is present and is other than hydrogen.

Claims 2-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is ~~phenyl,~~ 2-, 3-, or 4-pyridyl, 2- or 3-furanyl, 2- or 3-thienyl, or thiazolyl, optionally substituted by one or more of methoxy, ethoxy, methylenedioxy, ethylenedioxy, fluoro, chloro, bromo, or trifluoromethyl.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_2 is a carboxamide radical of formula -$CONR^B(Alk)_nR^A$ wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen or a C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_2-C_6 alkenyl group,

R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,

or R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which may optionally contain one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which may optionally be substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

18. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted $-CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$, $CH_2CH=CH-$, or $-CH_2CCCH_2-$ radical.

n is 0 or 1 ,

R^B is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, or allyl,

R^A is hydroxy, hydroxy and/or chloro-substituted phenyl, 3,4 methylenedioxyphenyl, pyridyl, furyl, thienyl, N-piperazinyl, or Nmorpholinyl,

or R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a morpholino, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or N-phenylpiperazinyl ring.

19. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 17 wherein n is 0, R^B is hydrogen and R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring.

20. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 is hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, n- or iso-propyl, trifluoromethyl, or hydroxyethyl.

21. (Withdrawn) The compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R_3 is a carboxamide group $-CONR^B(Alk)_nR^A$ wherein

Alk is an optionally substituted divalent alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene radical,

n is 0 or 1,

R^B is hydrogen or a C_1-C_6 alkyl or C_2-C_6 alkenyl group,

R^A is hydroxy or an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring,

or R^A and R^B taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form an N-heterocyclic ring which may optionally contain one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N, and which may optionally be substituted on one or more ring C or N atoms.

22. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method of treatment of diseases or conditions mediated by excessive or inappropriate HSP90 activity in mammals which method comprises administering to the mammal an amount of a compound of formula (IE) as defined in claim 1, or a salt ~~, hydrate or solvate~~ thereof, effective to inhibit said HSP90 activity.

23. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) The method as claimed claim 22 for treatment of immunosuppression; ~~or the treatment of~~ cancer; viral ~~disease,~~ diseases; inflammatory diseases ~~such as rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, multiple sclerosis, Type I diabetes, lupus, psoriasis and inflammatory bowel disease~~; cystic fibrosis; or angiogenesis-related diseases ~~disease such as diabetic retinopathy, haemangiomas, and endometriosis~~; or treatment for protection of normal cells against chemotherapy-induced toxicity; ~~or~~

treatment of diseases where failure to undergo apoptosis is an underlying factor; or treatment for protection from hypoxia-ischemic injury due to elevation of Hsp70 in the heart and brain; or treatment of scrapie/CJD, Huntingdon's disease or ~~and~~ Alzheimer's disease.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1, or a salt ~~hydrate or solvate~~ thereof, together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier.